

REMARKS:

Status of claims and amendments

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, the Examiner objected to the drawings for including a reference character not mentioned in the description; objected to claims 2 and 4 for informalities; rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 4,693,491 ("Akatsu"); and allowed claims 4-6.

In this amendment, claims 1-3 were canceled. Claim 4 was amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. FIG. 1 was amended to remove reference numeral 6. No new matter was added.

The drawing objection

FIG. 1 is amended herein to remove reference numeral 6.

The objection to claims 2 and 4

Claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 4 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The rejection of claims 1-3

Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060944-0210).

Respectfully submitted,



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